
Mass Transit/WMATA

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

Projects in this program are intended to enhance mobility by providing convenient and affordable mass transit alternatives to the single occupancy vehicle, and to reduce traffic congestion and vehicle emissions.

The County's Mass Transit/WMATA Capital Program provides an essential alternative to single-occupant vehicle travel and contributes to the reduction of traffic congestion. The goal of the County's Mass Transit/WMATA Capital Program is to provide infrastructure, equipment, and supporting facilities for the operation of safe, reliable, convenient, and affordable public transportation systems to the residents of Montgomery County. The infrastructure, equipment, and supporting facilities for these transit systems must be constructed, maintained, rehabilitated, and replaced to ensure safety and operational effectiveness.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Design and construct a new Silver Spring Transit Center. The Federal government recently contributed more than \$24 million in new Federal Aid for this project.
- Improve the safety, accessibility, and amenities of many of the approximately 5,400 bus stops in the County.
- Contribute to the construction of two new transit centers to serve Ride On and Metrobus: Montgomery Mall Transit Center and Takoma/Langley Park Transit Center.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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CAPITAL PROGRAM REVIEW

The FY07-12 Mass Transit/WMATA component of DPWT includes two new projects and a total of eight active projects. The program totals \$79.3 million over the six-year period. This represents a \$15.3 million, 23.8 percent increase from the \$64.0 million in the Amended FY05-10 program. The increase is primarily attributed to the increase in the scope and cost of the Silver Spring Transit Center which is funded mainly with Federal Aid.

STATE TRANSIT PROGRAM

In addition to transit projects programmed by Montgomery County, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) develops and provides transit services within the County on the Brunswick MARC rail line from Brunswick to Silver Spring, providing convenient connection to the Washington regional Metrorail system.

The State's Draft Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) is released each October. Final action on the Statewide CTP is taken by the General Assembly. The State portion of the Silver Spring Transit Center, relocation of the MARC station (Phase I) was completed in 2003. Montgomery County is managing the construction of the new transit center (Phase II), with final design and construction to be completed in conjunction with a joint developer and WMATA. The State's Development and Evaluation Program includes a study of a Bi-County Transitway, a 14-mile transitway between the Bethesda and New Carrollton Metrorail Stations, and a study of a Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) along the I-270 corridor in Montgomery County.